

FACT SHEET



Home Safe Program

The Home Safe Program, created by Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018), is intended to support the safety and housing stability of individuals involved in Adult Protective Services (APS) by providing housing-related assistance using evidence-based practices for homeless assistance and prevention.

Program Overview

- Home Safe assists APS clients who are experiencing, or at imminent risk of experiencing, homelessness due to elder or dependent adult abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation
- Home Safe uses evidence-based interventions in homelessness and homelessness prevention.
- The goal of the Home Safe Program is to support the safety and housing stability of individuals involved in APS by providing housing-related assistance. Grantees operating Home Safe programs will implement a range of strategies to support housing stability for APS clients, including short-term financial assistance, legal services, eviction prevention, heavy cleaning, and landlord mediation, among other services.
- Home Safe will also support APS agencies in building stronger collaboration and engagement between the APS agency and local homelessness system. These partnerships will help ensure APS clients that require long term or permanent housing assistance are connected to homelessness services within the community.
- The California State Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 included a state allocation of \$15 million General Fund (one-time) for Home Safe. The program requires a dollar-for-dollar county match, bringing the total budget to \$30 million which is available over a three-year period, beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021.

Program Allocations

- In October 2018, CDSS released a Home Safe Request for Proposals to county welfare departments and tribes. CDSS received Home Safe Program proposals from 36 counties requesting a combined total of \$29.5 million.
- Proposals were evaluated competitively on the basis of local need, the ability to use evidence-based practices in housing and homelessness prevention, the ability to quickly implement with strong partnerships, and the ability to provide quality data to facilitate the evaluation of the program.
- In December 2018, CDSS allocated funds on a competitive basis to 24 counties.

Technical Assistance and Support

The Housing and Homelessness Bureau will be building capacity and supporting California counties and tribes in various ways throughout the duration of the program, including:

- In collaboration with counties, identifying specific development milestones that must be achieved for program implementation by July 2019.
- In early March 2019, the CDSS will host a two-day Home Safe Learning Forum, which will bring together funded counties to both network and peer share as well as hear from national, state and local homelessness experts to learn about best practices.
- The Housing and Homelessness Bureau will be offering ongoing technical assistance to counties participating in Home Safe as well as the greater APS community to ensure lessons learned and best practices are shared throughout the state. This will include regular and ongoing telephone and email correspondence as well as in-person site visits and meetings throughout the pilot.
- Monthly conference calls, with participation from all Home Safe funded counties, to provide an opportunity for peer-sharing and targeted support from CDSS.
- CDSS is initiating data collection efforts and is collaborating with Dr. Margot Kushel at the University of California-San Francisco to provide an external evaluation of the program.

A list of counties selected to receive Home Safe funds and the corresponding allocation is provided below.

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| Alameda | \$ 955,400 | Riverside | \$ 1,969,541 |
| Contra Costa | \$ 740,079 | Sacramento | \$ 263,640 |
| Fresno | \$ 588,571 | San Bernardino | \$ 600,000 |
| Humboldt | \$ 335,848 | San Diego | \$ 500,000 |
| Kern | \$ 170,000 | San Francisco | \$ 773,981 |
| Kings | \$ 113,440 | Santa Clara | \$ 720,822 |
| Los Angeles | \$ 2,648,128 | Santa Cruz | \$ 743,440 |
| Mariposa | \$ 170,000 | Shasta | \$ 216,516 |
| Mendocino | \$ 216,417 | Sonoma | \$ 680,000 |
| Merced | \$ 747,080 | Tehama | \$ 170,000 |
| Nevada | \$ 50,620 | Ventura | \$ 170,000 |
| Placer | \$ 468,885 | Yuba | \$ 287,592 |